Minister whether there has been any official approach to President Zia about the credibility or confirmation of the statement by him.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO : Sir, these matters are under constant discussion and whenever our officials and our Ministers and at the highest level, our leaders meet these matters are discussed as very important matters.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour is over.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Constitution of Boards of Directors of Banks

*402. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to nominate employees' nominees on the Boards of Directors of nationalised banks and other public financial institutions; and

(b) what are the criteria adopted for the selection of Directors and whether women candidates are given any opportunity in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) Employee Directors are being appointed on the Boards of Directors of Public Sector Banks and Industrial Development Bank of India in accordance with the provisions in the relevant statutes.

(b) As in the case of Employee Directors, appointment of other Directors on the Boards of Public Sector Banks, Financial Institutions are made in accordance with the provisions of the statutes governing them. Broadly, non-official Directors are selected to represent specific interests and in view of their knowledge and experience which are considered beneficial for the institution concerned. It has been Government's endeavour to give representation to women on the Boards of Directors of banks and financial institutions by selecting women with the required knowledge and experience.

### Rewards to Central Excise and Customs Officials

*407. SHRI K. GOPALAN :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Central Excise and Customs officials who were given rewards in terms of money during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise and also the amount paid to them;

(b) what is the value of goods and the extent of evasion of various duties detected in each zone by the Central excise and customs officials during the above period; and

(c) whether there has been an increase in smuggling activities after the introduction of the scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) The number of Central Excise and Customs Officials who were given cash rewards during the last 3 years and also the total amount paid to them are as under :

| Year | No. of Officers | Amount paid as reward (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1983-84 | 7161 | 77·3 |
| 1984-85 | 8162 | 59·0 |
| 1985-86 | 3699 | 388.8 |

(Figures are provisional)

Rewards paid to officials zone-wise are not maintained.

(b) The details of the seizures made under the Customs Act, Central Excises and Salt Act and Duty Evasion detected during the last 3 years are furnished below :

| Year | Customs (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|
| 1984 | 101·09 |
| 1985 | 195.63 |
| 1986 (Upto Sept.) | 163·76 |